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The Weather.
Washington, May 8.—Forecast:
South Carolina—Generally fair weather on Thursday and Friday.

Anyhow, Dick Olney, has done enough to be entitled to rest a while.

Often thought it must be galling to Fred Funston to play tent soldier like this.

Mediators take notice—assemble in Columbia next Wednesday prepared to settle the Charleston county war.

Man fainted on the street. Friend asked him to describe contents of his wife's shopping bag.

For a majority leader, Oscar Underwood gets more lickings than anybody we can recall off-hand.

And if worst comes to worst, they are willing for Mister Hearst and Mister Carranza to fight it out.

Political situation in Charleston reminds us of our war in Mexico—always on the verge of something.

In other words the Blease people in Charleston county are prone to have peace if they have to fight for it.

Woman can't do two things at once. That accounts for the doing away with old fashioned sewing circles, for tea parties.

Huerta will not take well on the Chautauque circuit, but he might make a good foot race for Monte Carlo to visit Uncle Port Diaz.

Votes for women in ten states is also an incentive that moved the congressional committee, as Judge Hicks would say "powfully."

And nobody had ever suspected Josephus Daniels was much of a fighter till he broke into the navy department and upset the punch bowl.

If John D. would only send us half of his greenbacks, the first thing we should do would be to send Mr. Hobson a nice little windmill.

Just to think that any committee would run the chance of voting the house bar out of existence and a democratic congress in session, at that!

Like she'd seek unlike, say the eugenics. So? Well let every hearse and a poor man. Candidates please put your names in the want columns.

There are 288 "John Smiths" in the city of Chicago and all of them are willing to break into the U. S. Senate or go to war on the slightest provocation.

We always enjoy reading the political announcements in the Newberry papers. For instance, Workman and Flayer and then come Boozer, Sample and Ruff. Oh, very well.

Proceedings of the Charleston city council are published in their local papers as paid advertisements. No the public isn't paid to read it, but there is such a thing as skippance.

A negro parson down in Florida claims to have located the infernal region "about 100 miles straight down." About as far, for instance as from Anderson to Augusta.

Notwithstanding Richmond got the reserve bank for this district its financiers will have to come to Anderson to watch the money.

BUSINESS LIKE ELECTIONS

We have received from John J. McMahan an appeal for the democratic party to adopt for the protection of the primaries the laws of the state with reference to general elections. Mr. McMahan is an idealist, although it must be said that his ideals are high and his purpose lofty and his life in keeping with those ideals. But he is, we fear, too far in advance of the times. It was he who in the constitutional convention as far back as 1895 wished to have "an" ordinance along the line of what is now commonly known as "eugenics" to prevent the marriage of a good, pure woman to any man mentally and physically disqualified for the sacred home relation. It cannot be said that he was wrong, but that the world was not ready to accept such a theory.

And so it is, we fear, today. We admit that we see no bug-a-boo in the proposition. Nearly every poor man in the country is registered, if not the registration machinery is in the hands of good men who can and will issue certificates to any white man who has lived within the state long enough to qualify. As a matter of fact the men who would be "disfranchised," as some have seen fit to put it, are the so-called "rich," who through business cares or for other reason have failed to get registered or have misplaced their certificates. We see no harm in the registration plan, but we do not think it necessary or expedient at this time. It will have to come some day, and we have thought this for a long time.

Something must be done to make the primary more business like. That is the only short coming today. The poll lists are locked up in the boxes with the club rolls and brought to the court house and there they remain for months, and when the time comes every second year for another primary those old club lists are hard to find.

We believe that what should be done is merely to conduct the elections in a business like manner. There is enough law on the statute books to prevent or to punish fraud if that law was ever appealed to. The governor of the state offered a large reward two years ago for evidence to convict and we have never heard of anyone making claim for that reward.

We believe that all of the people would accept regulations which would put the primaries on a business basis. Have the club secretaries and executive committees to enroll on the club lists every white man living within the geographical lines of the respective precincts and names outside. Give ample notice so that any resident may see that his name is properly enrolled. Let none be overlooked. Then close the lists, say 15 days before the first primary and let no name be enrolled, except upon the sworn statement of the applicant for membership in the club that he is lawfully entitled to vote there. If he makes false statement, he can be prosecuted for perjury and for violation of the election laws, and the foreknowledge of a few stiff fines will prevent anything of that kind. Let the club rolls be sworn to by the club secretary and approved by the county executive committee, and let the club executive committee be present at the polls to assist the managers in settling any knotty questions.

The managers of the election are not appointed arbitrarily by the county executive committee, but by the executive committees of the respective clubs, and this is local self government. Mr. McMahan is not only a literary man whose contributions to historical writings rank high, and will be more and more appreciated a few years hence, but as a school teacher he is loved by all of his fellows in the state, and as the head of a splendid organization he has been honored by one association after another, albeit he is a man whose worth declares itself in spite of his modesty.

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Mr. McMahan may be right in his intentions, but we fear that he is preparing to make too long a reach. Give the people something they can understand. We are sure that what will be fair to all, and they

will accept it and will return a primary that is fair and clean. We feel that the people may be trusted.

We hope that the state convention will act conservatively. If Mr. McMahan's plan is adopted, we believe it will not cost so many votes in the state, but cannot something simpler be done?

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the local afternoon paper yesterday is an editorial which we presume was written by a member of the board of trustees, and for that reason we take note of the concluding words:

The trustees have consistently refused to allow themselves to be used by the company or any one else.

That is a correct statement. The trustees in their earnestness to be cautious may not have appreciated, perhaps, the great wrong done to the public service company by a misleading statement heralded to the world as coming from the board. In the statement it was alleged that the board refused to pay the water bill when presented the first month because they felt that the company had no valid contract.

This paper later printed the truth of the matter, which was that the board had refused to allow itself to be used by some one or other in a scheme to alter the public utilities company. The board did not accept the proposition, and we have been informed by some of the members that the publication put the board in a false light. For that reason, no doubt, the board was overly cautious upon the receipt of the letter of Mr. Taylor. But the board never denied in the source in which originated that it had been put in a false light, and by its official silence, gave dignity to a crude piece of work.

It was that fact which led Mr. Taylor to appeal to the board for consideration, and if we have any criticism of the board at all it is merely because no attention was paid to Mr. Taylor's letter.

And now as to the board of trustees. This paper has never in any way, shape or manner reflected upon the board. We realize the responsibility of those gentlemen. We appreciate the fact that this board as at present constituted has caused a great and wonderful transformation in the school system of Anderson.

The writer realized the effort and worry of members of the board to get new school buildings here to take care of the over-crowding of the buildings in use one year ago. The board undertook a thankless work in which they might have been subjected to criticism from the same class of people who now are throwing their hats in the air and "whooping 'em up" for the board.

For our part, we always desired to see the things that have been accomplished, and this board in its wisdom and constructive policy is due the everlasting thanks of the community.

In offering this compliment to the board, and we admit that it is all too lacking in expression in comparison with what has been done, we would detract nothing from the pluck, initiative and statesmanship of the superintendent of the public schools, E. C. McCants, splendid citizen and gifted teacher that he is.

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Some things we intended to say last Sunday, but there was so much Chau-

tauqua to be attended that we missed the opportunity to discharge a duty which we felt, namely to state that we believe, honestly and sincerely, that no city in the state has schools that do better work than those of Anderson, and that we have had occasion to visit some of the best schools in several of the most progressive cities in the state.

SAVAGERY IN COLORADO

That President Wilson was justified by events, if not in principle, in sending Federal troops to Colorado, and none too soon in acting, is evident from the shocking details of recent atrocities. The red men of the west 30 and 35 years ago, in their encounters with frontiersmen and United States soldiers, were scarcely more savage, save as to scalping, than have been these white men of Colorado.

To the shame of slaughtered women and children has been added the unspeakable crime of the killing of Maj. P. P. Lester, a physician bearing the Red Cross insignia, while engaged in open view in endeavoring to save the life of a wounded guardsman. This incident, moreover, and others in which 13 lives were lost occurred more than a day after the president of the United States had issued his proclamation.

That it appears to be even more imperative than appeared earlier in the strife that the Federal authorities shall proceed with rigorous measures toward the restoration of orderly conditions. This accomplished, it is neither the duty nor intention of the government permanently to police Colorado. This is a duty of the state which may not be evaded if it would make the pretense of maintaining a republican form of government; and it must do so at whatever cost in money or defeat of trouble-breeding factions among the population.

Already Colorado has done irreparable injury to its industries, its institutions, its material welfare and its future. Imperial in natural resources and wonders, one of the most delightful states in the Union to visit in and travel over, what between its radical politics and still more radical antagonisms due to disputes of capital and labor for years has frittered away golden opportunities and, with persistent disregard for consequences, has permitted its own people to sow the seed of social destruction. And, as with Colorado so with South Carolina or any other state where the people are not taught that the law is supreme, that law and order protect the weak from the criminal.

There have been few as pitiable spectacles anywhere as those witnessed during the past two decades in Colorado. In their consistent tendency to create fear throughout the state, to reel investment, to retard progress, to weaken stability of home government and to turn prospective settlers away they have been without parallel.

EVERYBODY HAPPY

Everybody is happy. The Public Utilities company has its case in court.

The trustees have the satisfaction of having acted conservatively. The lawyers will shed no tears. The wave of hydrocephalus has laved the hydrads.

Everybody is happy. Did we say everybody? Yes everybody but the kiddies. It is "Books" again.

Likewise we cannot see what reason there is for "calling" the militia when all our Anderson warriors are tearing their shirts and miss their meals because they cannot go to Mexico City and spank the whole bloomin' Huerta army all by themselves.

DEATH OF A LITTLE ONE

After a long illness, Louis Clayton Gossett, aged two years, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Gossett, died at their home in North Anderson last night at 6 o'clock. The little one had received every attention from the best surgeons of the country, but nothing could be done to save him. The funeral services will be held at the home at 2 o'clock today, conducted by Rev. J. W. Speake, and the interment will be at the family burial ground at Williamston this afternoon.

Haymaker's Supper

The Tugaloo Tribe, No. 33 will give a supper Friday night. Quite a number are going to take the degree and there will be good speaking. Refreshments will be served. The supper will be given in the Anderson Mill Hall and the admission will be 50 cents. Tickets are now on sale by several of the local Red Men and all Anderson Red Men are urged to attend.

FAIR PLAY COMMENCEMENT

Governor Blease to Deliver Literary Address—Close a Successful Term.

(Lavonia (Ga.) Times.) Preparations are now being made for the close of the Fair Play school. The school has had an unusually successful year and work has been done which is on a par with any of the high schools of this section. Friday night, May 8th, Graduating Exercises, Oratorical Contest, Address and delivery of diplomas by Governor Cole L. Blease of South Carolina.

Advertisement for B. O. Evans & Co. featuring suits and hats. Includes text: 'YOU may think \$15. is quite enough for you to spend for a spring suit; if you do, we do.' and 'The Store with a Conscience'.

Advertisement for Osborne & Pearson featuring Saturday Gala Days. Includes text: 'SATURDAYS are GALA DAYS With Us. Last Saturday The Biggest Day This Year. There is a Reason! --Our Goods and Service Makes Our Store More Popular Every Day. We will be Ready for you next SATURDAY! Come, Everybody. The Spot Cash is Doing Wonders.' and 'GLASS OF SALTS IF YOUR KIDNEYS HURT'.